

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 15-17, 22, and 23 are presently pending and stand rejected. Reconsideration and continued examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is amended to recite among other limitations, "receiving a first portion of the encoded video data stream ~~and~~ immediately followed by a second portion of the encoded video data stream, wherein the first portion comprises a portion of a first block of pixel data and the second portion comprises a second block of pixel data followed by another portion of the first block of pixel data".

Assignee respectfully submits that neither Veltman or Nagai teach the foregoing. For example, although Examiner has indicated that Veltman teaches "that both the first portion, ie. video input data, and the second portion, ie. video time stamp", Veltman does not teach "the second portion comprises a second block of pixel data followed by another portion of the first block of pixel data". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claim 10 is amended to recite, among other limitations, "a first memory buffer for storing either portions of the encoded video data stream of predetermined size or until the portions of the encoded video data stream until the portions include an end of block indicator;". Assignee respectfully submit that neither Veltman or Nagai teach the "end of block indicator". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 10 and it dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are allowable and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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